

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

I. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for interactive communications over a network among participants of a single conference at a plurality of locations, the apparatus comprising:

a leader computer operatively connected to the network;

a computer readable storage device accessible by the leader computer, the storage device including:

computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network;

computer instructions for transmitting the information to a plurality of other computers over the network, wherein said other computers each generally simultaneously display the transmitted information; said computer instructions for transmitting comprising a shared web browser to allow the leader to surf through the Internet and to cause said other computers to follow the leader through the Internet, wherein various combinations of shared web browsers can be used for the leader and the other computers; and

computer instructions for receiving additional information entered in a shared web browser white board from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional information in the shared web browser white board, and wherein the additional information is entered by a user of a computer from the plurality of other computers to be associated with the already displayed information; and

computer instructions for receiving text-based conferencing information from at least one of the other computers over the network, wherein said other computers and said

leader computer each generally simultaneously display the text-based conferencing information in a shared web browser window separate from the white board, thereby not altering the information displayed in the shared web browser and the shared web browser white board,

wherein the leader and the other computers are participating in no more than one conference simultaneously.

2. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network comprises a web browser.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said computer instructions for transmitting information to each of the other of said plurality from the one of said plurality of computers comprises a presenter interface, the presenter interface further comprising computer instructions for communicating with each of the other of said plurality of computers and for causing the identical transmitted information to be generally simultaneously displayed on said other computers, wherein the shared web browser displayed by the lead computer and the other computers in the single conference are different based on the tool bar buttons on the other computers have different functions, wherein at least one tool bar button is an interactive indicator.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants of a single conference situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method comprising:

- a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;
- b) sending a message to each of said plurality of participants, the message providing an identifier means for accessing the collaborative presentation;
- c) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;
- d) accessing the website according to the identifier means;
- e) initiating the collaborative presentation by a leader of said plurality of participants of a single conference presenting the information on the leader's computer, wherein a main window of a display of the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants displays identical information generally simultaneously ~~displays the~~ as the presented information on the leader's computer;
- f) interactively adding information associated with the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants in a shared web browser white board, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the additional information in the shared web browser white board;
- g) sharing a web browser of one of said plurality of participants with each of the other of said plurality of participants of a single conference, so that the shared

web browser causes the plurality of participants to collectively surf through the Internet according to web sites selected by the leader on the leader's computer; and

h) initiating the leader's designation of one of the other of said plurality of participants as a new leader, wherein a presentation of information, or a selection of a web site, on the new leader's computer causes the information presented, or web site selected, on the new leader's computer to be generally simultaneously displayed on the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants.

6. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, further including the step of initiating a telephone conference call while conducting the collaborative presentation.

7. (Original) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, wherein said identifier means comprises one or more of a confirmation number, and a scheduled date and time for accessing the collaborative presentation.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants of a single conference situated at two or more locations, wherein each of said participants has a computer operatively connected to a computer network, the method comprising:

a) providing a website on the computer network for said participants to obtain access to the collaborative presentation;

b) providing information to be displayed on each of said participants' computers during the collaborative presentation;

c) providing means for said participants to access the website;

d) initiating the collaborative presentation by one of said plurality of participants of the single conference presenting the information on the one of said participants' computers, wherein a main window of a display of the computer of each of the other of said plurality of participants of the single conference is identical and generally simultaneously displays the information;

e) interactively adding information associated with the presented information by one of the other of said plurality of participants in a shared web browser white board, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the additional information in the shared web browser white board; and

f) initiating a text-based conferencing by one of the other of said plurality of participants, wherein the computer of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the text-based conferencing information in a shared web browser window separate from the white board, thereby not altering the information displayed in the shared web browser and the shared web browser white board.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of conducting a conference among a plurality of participants of a single conference situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the method comprising:

a) providing a website on the computer network;

b) providing computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;

c) providing a shared browser interface for conducting the conference, wherein various combinations of shared web browsers can be used for the leader and the other computers;

d) operably connecting each said participants' computers of the single conference such that the display of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface having identical information in a main window; and

e) providing a white board to allow each participant to enter additional information associated with the display of the shared browser interface, the additional information being displayed in the white board, thereby not altering the display of the shared browser interface.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in claim 9 further including the step of categorizing said participants into one of a presenter participant or an attendee participant, such that the presenter participant's computer controls each of said attendee participant's computers via the browser interface.

11. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for conducting a single conference among a plurality of participants situated at two or more locations over a computer network, the apparatus comprising:

a) a website having a server computer on the computer network;

b) computer instructions for said participants to access the website via a computer having a display;

c) a shared browser interface for conducting the conference, wherein various combinations of shared web browsers can be used for the leader and the other computers;

d) computer instructions for operably connecting each of said participants' computers of the single conference such that the display of each of said participants generally simultaneously displays the shared browser interface wherein the browser has a main window which consists of identical information for each participant of the conference; and

e) computer instructions providing a white board to allow each participant to enter additional information associated with the display of the shared browser interface, the additional information being displayed in the white board, thereby not altering the display of the shared browser interface, and computer instructions providing a text based communication interface in a separate shared browser window, thereby not altering the display in the shared browser interface or in the whiteboard, to allow each participant to initiate and participate in text-based conferencing during the conference.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of conducting a collaborative presentation among a plurality of participants as recited in claim 5, further including the step of initiating display of a list of all of the plurality of participants.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising computer instructions for initiating designation in the leader computer of one of the plurality of other computers as a replacement leader computer, wherein a presentation of information on, or a selection of a web site in, the new leader computer causes the information presented on, or web site selected in, the replacement leader computer to be generally simultaneously displayed on the computer of each of the plurality of other computers, including the leader computer, wherein the screen display in the interface is exchanged between leader computer and the replacement leader computer.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising computer instructions for transmitting comments or questions from any one or more of the plurality of other computers to the leader computer.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising computer instructions for assigning different color to the text-based conferencing information received in the leader computer of each of the plurality of other computers to identify origination of the text-based conferencing information.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising computer instructions for blocking the text-based conferencing information forwarded from any one or more of the plurality of other computers.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising computer instructions for terminating, from the leader computer, a connection of any one or more of the plurality of other computers from the network.

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for interactive communications over a network among participants of a single conference at a plurality of locations, the apparatus comprising:

a plurality of computers operatively connected to a network, wherein each of the plurality of computers includes a computer readable storage device comprising:

computer instructions providing user designation of any one of the plurality of computers as lead computer;

computer instructions for receiving and displaying information from the network; and

computer instructions for transmitting to other of the plurality of computers, as lead computer, information received and displayed from the network, wherein the other of the plurality of computers each generally simultaneously display the identical transmitted information, as the lead computer, and wherein the computer instructions for transmitting comprises a shared web browser allowing the other of the plurality of computers to follow the leader through the Internet,

wherein various combinations of shared web browsers can be used for the leader and the other computers.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, wherein the computer instructions for transmitting comprises a presenter interface that includes computer instructions for communicating with each of the other of the plurality of computers and for causing information to be generally simultaneously displayed on the other of the plurality of computers.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, further comprising computer instructions for receiving additional information entered in a shared web browser white board from at least one of the other of the plurality of computers over the network, wherein the other of the plurality of computers and the leader computer each generally simultaneously display the additional information in the shared web browser white board, and wherein the additional information is entered by a user of a computer from the other of the plurality of computers.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 21, further comprising computer instructions for receiving text-based conferencing information from at least one of the other of the plurality of computers over the network, wherein the other of the plurality of computers and the leader computer each generally simultaneously display the text-based conferencing information in a shared web browser window separate from the white board, thereby not altering the information displayed in the shared web browser window and the shared web browser white board.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 22, further comprising computer instructions for assigning different color to the text-based conferencing information received, the color identifying origination of the text-based conferencing information.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 22, further comprising computer instructions for blocking the text-based conferencing information forwarded from any one or more of the other of the plurality of computers.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, further comprising computer instructions for initiating designation of one of the other of the plurality of computers as a replacement leader computer, wherein a presentation of information on, or a selection of a web site in, the replacement leader computer causes the information presented, or the web site selected, to be generally simultaneously displayed on each of the other of the plurality of computers.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, further comprising computer instructions for transmitting comments or questions from any one or more of the other of the plurality of computers to the leader computer.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, further comprising computer instructions for terminating, from the leader computer, a connection of any one or more of the other of the plurality of computers from the network.